

App. No. 10/031287  
Office Action Dated December 29, 2004  
Amd. Dated March 29, 2005

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and following remarks. Claims 3, 5-8 and 11 are hereby amended. Claim 14 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-13 and 15-17 are pending.

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested as claim 14 has been canceled.

**Claim rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112**

Claim 3, 5-8 and 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 3, 5-8 and 11 have been amended. Withdrawal and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, favorable reconsideration in the form of a notice of allowance is requested. If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, John J. Gresens (Reg. No. 33,112), at (612) 371.5265.

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